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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR AN EMERGENCY HEARING REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA IN THE NEWMARKET AREA OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS,* Substance abuse has become and is an overwhelming issue in the City of Boston with individuals suffering from such addiction concentrated in the Newmarket neighborhood of Boston otherwise referred to as the “Mass and Cass” corridor; and,
- WHEREAS,* It has been reported that multiple organizations including the Boston Public Health Commission are handing out “drug kits” that include cooking materials, like crack and meth pipes, filters, mouthpieces, needles, syringes; and,
- WHEREAS,* Residents and advocates in the area report it is dangerous and that drug paraphernalia from these “drug kits” are littered throughout the area making it a public safety hazard; and,
- WHEREAS,* There has been a recent rise in the number of individuals living on the streets in what is now an expanded area around the “Mass and Cass” corridor who are using illicit drugs and thus making it dangerous to anyone and everyone there.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to examine the distribution of drug paraphernalia by various entities in the Newmarket area. Doctor Bisola Ojikutu of BPHC, representatives from the Boston Police Department, representatives from the Administration, representatives from Boston Medical Center, Victory Programs, Boston Health Care For The Homeless, residents of the city, and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

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